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To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: Director, Office of General Services

Subject: CATERING SERVICES

1. The contract between the United Nations and the Catering Service provides for an increase of 5 per cent in price, with the exception of specific items, effective 1 April each year, if the respective consumer price index (CPI) for New York City published in February ach year by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics increases by 5 per cent or more, or the accumulation of the CPI since the last price increase adds up to a total increase of 5 per cent or more. The published CPI rose by 5.3 per cent as of November 1992 and, therefore, it supports an overall price increase. The last overall increase was approved on 8 August 1991.

2. Under the circumstances and in response to the Catering Contractor's request, prices in the staff catering facilities at Headquarters will be adjusted as stated below effective Thursday, 9 September 1993, except those specific items which are only subject to increase at two-year intervals. These specific items will be up for review in 1994.

3. First, it is to be noted that, upon the recommendation of the Headquarters Catering Advisory Committee, the Contractor has reduced the prices of the following items:

	From:	To:
	$	$
Bananas	0.70	0.50
Onion rings	0.95	0.85
Croissants	0.95	0.85

4. Furthermore, the Contractor has also agreed not to increase prices of some items although eligible for increase, such as fruits and fruit juices, assorted cereals, muesli with milk, burgers, hot and cold chocolate, milk, espresso, cappuccino and a variety of cakes.

5. In accordance with the arrangements agreed upon, the following prices of the menus served in the catering facilities will therefore be increased as follows:

(a) Breakfast items:

	From:	To:
	$	$
Eggs (fried/scrambled/poached)	1.30	1.35
Three pancakes with syrup	1.20	1.25
Grilled ham/bacon/sausages	1.30	1.35

(b) Lunch and dinner items:

The three-tiered price structure established for the hot entrées offered daily in the Staff Cafeteria will be increased from $2.40, $3.20 and $3.95 to $2.50, $3.35 and $4.15, respectively.

Other items will be increased as follows:

	From:	To:
	$	$
Gourmet salad	4.80/6.00	5.05/6.30
Pizza (slice/small/medium/ large), plain	1.30/2.90/7.60/ 10.00	1.35/3.05/8.00/ 10.50
Pasta (Nos. 1/2)	5.45/3.35	5.70/3.50
Vegetables	0.70	0.75
Soups (cup/bowl)	0.70/0.95	0.75/1.00
French fried potatoes (small/large)	0.70/0.95	0.75/1.00

6. It is to be noted that the increases now being effected have already been delayed by over five (5) months.